miles is under consideration. With regard to the rest of the road, I understand from the Chief Engineer that it is in a fairly good condition.

As regards the bridge, I do not think it is right to say that the Government have given up the idea of improving the bridge. The intention is to refer that matter to the Road Board.

MEMBER: My Association have quite recently asked me to represent that their interests may be safeguarded on the Road Board by the representation of one of their members on the Nagercoil and Quilon District Boards. We have no representation now.

DEWAN: I shall consider that question.

MEMBER: Thank you very much.

44. Glenmary and Church-Hill Grant-in-aid roads.

MR. A. R. ST. GEORGE (*Central Travancore Planters' Association*) said that, when at the previous session of the Assembly he requested the Government to take up the maintenance of the roads, he was told in reply that the question would be left to the Road Board for decision. Now that the Road Boards were formed, he requested that the matter might be referred to the Devicolam District Road Board so that they might advise the Government to take up the roads from the beginning of 1106. He said that in that Board his Association was not represented. Formerly the roads in question were known as "Planters' roads"; but now they were used by the general public who however paid no contribution towards their upkeep. The bulk of the cost of maintenance was met by the estates, their share being three or four times the contribution paid by the Government. But latterly some estates refused to pay any contribution at all. He therefore requested once more that the roads might be taken up for departmental maintenance from the beginning of 1106.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. St. George, with regard to these roads, I shall send these suggestions of yours to the District Road Board as soon as it begins to work.

With regard to your grievance that there is no representative for the Central Travancore Planters' Association on the Board, I find from the rules that there is provision for two representatives of the Planters' Associations. The Associations are the Mundakayam Planters' Association and the Kanan Devan Planters' Association. Your request is that your Association also should be represented. I will consider that and pass orders.

45. Public Works in the Kayankulam Town.

MR. P. V. IRUPPOOTY (*Municipal Council, Kayankulam*) first spoke about the need for converting into a public road the lane from the motor bus stand on the Kayankulam-Karunagapalli road to St. Antony's church landing. The work was most necessary as the lane was a much frequented one and situated in a very important and busy part of the town. The Government had also felt the need for the work and had agreed to sanction it if the Municipal Council would undertake

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to meet the cost. The Council should be asked to take up the work without further delay. The question of opening the road should not be referred to the Road Board, because it was a work that should be undertaken by the Municipal Council and because the interests of the Council were not represented on the Road Board.

Another vital need of the Kayankulam town was the early construction of the Iron Bridge. The construction of that bridge and of the Neendakara bridge was begun simultaneously; but while the latter was nearing completion, the work on the former had not made any progress at all. The absence of the bridge was a serious impediment and a source of inconvenience in the transport of goods by merchants. At least a temporary bridge should be constructed at once pending construction of the sanctioned bridge.

The motor buses bound for Alleppey and Kottayam were running along the Kayankulam bazaar road which was always congested. It was dangerous to the public safety and the need for opening a deviation road with a view to divert the bus traffic had been pressed at previous sessions of the Assembly. The Government had sanctioned the work and the estimate and plan were also ready. The work should be taken in hand without further delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Iruppootty, നിങ്ങളുടെ അപേക്ഷ മൂന്നാണ്. അതിൽ ആദ്യത്തെ അപേക്ഷ ഒരു ഇടവഴിയെ റോഡാക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ഇതു മൂന്നോ നാലോവർഷമായിട്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറും മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയും കൂടി ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു സംഗതിയുമാണ്. ഒരിക്കൽ ഇതിൻറെ ചിലവു മുഴുവൻ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി തന്നെ വഹിച്ചു കൊള്ളാമെന്നു സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ഒന്നു പകുതി ചിലവു മാത്രമെ വഹിക്കുകയൊള്ളൂ എന്നും ഒന്നു പകുതി ചിലവു ഗവണ്മെൻറു തന്നെ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും അവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുന്നു. ഗവണ്മെൻറു പണം ചിലവു ചെയ്തു ഈ ഇടവഴി റോഡാക്കണമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി മുഴുവൻ പണം ചിലവു ചെയ്തു റോഡാക്കുന്നതിനു് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു വിരോധവുമില്ല.

രണ്ടാമത്തെ അപേക്ഷ ഇപ്പോൾ പൊളിച്ചിട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന പാലം തീരുന്നതു വരെ ഒരു താൽക്കാലിക പാലം വേണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ആ പാലത്തിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർക്കു തന്നെ പണം അനുവദിച്ചു വേല നടത്തിത്തരാവുന്നതാണ്.

MEMBER: വേല തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടില്ല.

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DEWAN : കൃഷ്ണപുരത്തെ പാലം പൊളിച്ച സാമാനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടു ഒരു താൽക്കാലിക പാലം കെട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഉത്തരവു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ആ താൽക്കാലിക പാലം വേഗത്തിൽ കെട്ടി തരും.

മൂന്നാമത്തെ സംഗതി ഒരു മോട്ടാർ ഡീവിയേഷൻ റോഡു വേണമെന്നാണ്. അതിലേക്കു എസ്റ്റിമേറു തയ്യാറാക്കിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു നിങ്ങൾ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എസ്റ്റിമേറു ഒരു വിധം തയ്യാറാക്കി പരിശോധന നടത്തി വരികയാണു. പരിശോധന കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ എസ്റ്റിമേറോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ റിപ്പോർട്ടോ റോഡുബോർഡിലേക്കു അയക്കാം.

MEMBER : ഇടവഴി റോഡാക്കേണ്ടതു അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്.

DEWAN : അങ്ങിനെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു എഴുതാം.

[The first request is for the conversion of a lane into a road. That is a matter which has for some time been under correspondence between the Government and your Municipal Council. At one time the Council agreed to meet the whole cost of the work but the Council now urge that they will meet only one-half the cost and that the remaining half should be borne by the Government. The Government do not think that the lane in question should be converted into a road at their cost; but they have no objection to the Municipal Council doing so from the municipal funds.

As for the temporary bridge, the Chief Engineer is competent to sanction its construction and allot funds.

The member said that the work had not yet been begun.

The Dewan replied that orders had been issued to erect the temporary bridge with the materials of the dismantled Krishnapuram bridge and that the work would be expedited.

In regard to the motor deviation road, an estimate has been prepared and was under investigation. After investigation, either the estimate or the investigation report will be sent to the Road Board.

The member again urged the imperative need for converting the lane into a road. The Dewan said that the Municipal Council would be informed.]

46. Ayurveda Reforms.

MR. K. P. MARTANDAN VAIDYAN (*Chirayinkil taluk, Group II*) spoke about the need for reorganising the Ayurveda Department and making it more useful to the public. The Ayurveda system of treatment was growing more and more popular not only in Travancore but even outside. But the facilities afforded for carrying out the Ayurvedic system of treatment were quite inadequate. The annual expenditure on the Government Ayurveda Hospital and Pharmacy, Trivandrum, was only Rs. 6,650, while the number of patients treated there was about 40,000. The attendance in the General Hospital was only a little over this figure ;but there was no comparison between the expenditure incurred on the two institutions. There were only 8 beds

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